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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: US, UR, PEPR (BRECKENRIDGE)  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED OGARKOV REMARK

REF: (A) MOSCOW 6152, (B) STATE 115016

1. WE ARE POSITIVE THAT OGARKOV DID NOT RPT NOT CLAIM THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS MILITARY SUPERIORITY OVER THE US DURING MEETING WITH CODEL PRICE. NEEDLESS TO SAY, SUCH A REMARK WOULD HAVE AROUSED KEEN ATTENTION. APART FROM THE AMBASSADOR THERE WERE AT THE MEETING FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EMBASSY PRESENT WHO SPEAK RUSSIAN, THREE OF WHOM TOOK NOTES. NONE RECORDED SUCH A CLAIM ON THE PART OF OGARKOV. TO THE CONTRARY OGARKOV CITED BREZHNEV'S SPEECHES TO DISMISS THE "MYTHICAL" SOVIET THREAT AND TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE USSR DOES NOT SEEK SUPERIORITY OVER THE US.

2. OUR NOTES REFLECT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS DURING THE MEETING BY KORNIYENKO IN RESPONSE TO COVER PAST AND PRESENT SOVIET PERCEPTIONS OF THE US NUCLEAR THREAT: AFTER WORLD WAR II THE SOVIET UNION SAW A VERY DEFINITE THREAT OF ARMED ATTACK BY THE US. ACQUIRING THE ATOMIC BOMB, THE US PRACTICED "ATOMIC DIPLOMACY" DURING THE COLD WAR. TODAY,  
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WHEN THE US REALIZES THE IMPLICATIONS TO ITSELF OF AN ATTACK ON THE SOVIET UNION, THEN, IN THE SOVIET VIEW, THE NATURE OF THE THREAT HAS CHANGED SOMEWHAT -- ALTHOUGH IT IS STILL FRAUGHT WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ARMED CONFLICT.

3. THESE REMARKS MAY HAVE CAUSED THE CONFUSION REPORTED REF B. DEPT'S SPECULATION THAT MISQUOTE MAY HAVE ARISEN

FROM ARBATOV'S PRAVDA ARTICLE STRIKES US AS EQUALLY  
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